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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on July 22, 2004, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's interpretation of the pending claims and the conclusion that they are not patentably distinct from U.S. Patent No. 6,688,015. Nonetheless, to expedite allowance of the pending claims, Applicant is following the Examiner's suggestion, and requests that the attached Terminal Disclaimer be entered. This response and the disclaimer are submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is hereby courteously solicited.

Applicant previously submitted this Terminal Disclaimer with the appropriate fee on September 3, 2004. Nonetheless, Applicant submits this additional copy of the Terminal Disclaimer to make clear that it is in response to the Official Action mailed on July 22, 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the mail with sufficient postage as First Class Mail to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 27, 2004.

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If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference or that there are any formalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please contact the undersigned at (404) 572-3509.

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